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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT -- WASHINGTON

SECRETARY PARTY FOR SCHAUFEELE, FUNSETH

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EXTEMPORANEOUS DEPARTURE STATEMENT
BY SECRETARY FRIDAY AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE (BEGIN TEXT)

THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO VISIT AFRICA TO EXPRESS THE
COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE INTEREST IN MAJORITY
RULE OF THE BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND TO INDICATE OUR SUP-
PORT FOR THE ASPIRATION FOR ECONOMIC PROGRESS BY ATTENDING
THE MEETING IN NAIROBI OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS AND THE
DEVELOPED NATIONS AT THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE THAT WILL
TAKE PLACE THERE.

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THERE ARE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WHO HAVE CLOSE CULTURAL

TIES TO AFRICA, AND ALL AMERICANS HAVE TIES OF VALUES AND ASPIRATIONS. I EXPECT TO EXPRESS THIS WHEN I VISIT AFRICA.

I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING LEADERS WHOM I HAVE NOT HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING BEFORE. AND I HOPE TO LEARN, TO LISTEN AND TO PERHAPS MAKE A CONTRIBUTION.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE AMBASSADORS FROM THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHO HAVE BEEN COURTEOUS ENOUGH TO COME OUT HERE TO SEE ME OFF. END TEXT)

2. JOURNALIST ASKED "MR. SECRETARY, IN YOUR MEETINGS WITH AFRICAN LEADERS, ARE YOU PREPARED TO SPELL OUT POINT BY POINT HOW THE UNITED STATES WILL MATCH SOVIET EFFORTS IN THE AFRICAN CONTINENT?"

3. SECRETARY RESPONDED "WE ARE NOT IN AFRICA TO MATCH SOVIET EFFORTS. WE ARE IN AFRICA FOR OUR OWN PURPOSES. I WILL INDICATE WHAT OUR PURPOSES ARE AND WHAT SPECIFIC STEPS WE ARE PREPARED TO TAKE." SISCO

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